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SUBJECT: UNCTAD TDB XIV: RESOLUTION ON STRENGTHENING THE
ACTIVITIES OF UNCTAD

REF: A. GENEVA 5722

B. GENEVA 5586

SUMMARY: NEGOTIATIONS ON COMMODITY RESOLUTIONS MOVING
SLOWLY BECAUSE LITTLE TIME DEVOTED TO THEM IN CONTACT GROUP
TO DATE. CONTACT GROUP CONSIDERED RESOLUTION ON STRENGTHENING
THE ACTIVITIES OF UNCTAD REFTEL A AND REACHED AD REFERENDUM
AGREEMENT ON SEVERAL PARAGRAPHS AS STATED BELOW. CONCLUSION
OF CONSIDERATION OF STRENGTHENING RESOLUTION EXPECTED SEPTEMBER
12. US DEL BELIEVES US CAN ACCEPT THOSE PARAS THUS FAR AGREED
UPON AND UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED WILL FORMALLY AGREE TO
SUCH PARAS. CONSIDERATION OF COMMODITY RESOLUTION REFTEL B
BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL. END SUMMARY.

1. GROUP B SPOKESMAN (SWITZERLAND) INTRODUCED
GROUP B DIFFICULTIES WITH RESOLUTION ON STRENGTHENING THE
ACTIVITIES OF UNCTAD ON SEPTEMBER 10, E.E., SECOND,
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FOURTH AND FIFTH PREAMBULAR PARAS AND FIRST AND SECOND OPERATIVE

PARAS. GROUP B SPOKESMAN ALSO RESERVED POSITION ON
PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE REFERRING TO PAST RESOLUTIONS UNTIL "AS
ADOPTED" AGENDA ITEM RESOLVED. FOLLOWING AGREED BY CONTACT
GROUP SEPTEMBER 11:

A. FIRST PREAMBULAR PARA UNCHANGED;

B. SECOND PREAMBULAR TO BE CONSIDERED SEPTEMBER 12;
GROUP B PROPOSES DELETION.

C. THIRD PREAMBULAR PARA UNCHANGED;

D. FOURTH PREAMBULAR PARA AMENDED SO THAT "HAVING
CONSIDERED" IS REPLACED BY "HAVING GIVEN PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION TO
;

E. FIFTH PREAMBULAR PARA TO BE CONSIDERED SEPTEMBER 12.
GROUP B PROPOSED DELETION OF REFERENCE TO PROGRAM OF ACTION.
FAOUP B FALLBACK IS TO ACCEPT "TAKING (FULLY) INTO ACCOUNT THE
PROGRAM OF ACTION."

F. FIRST OPERATIVE PARA: GROUP 77 PRESENTED
REFORMULATION IN LIGHT OF GROUP B DIFFICULTIES WITH PARAGRAPH
(CARTE BLANCHE GIVEN TO SEC GEN AND INCLUSION OF
ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION. GROUP B AGREED TO GROUP OF 77
REFORMULATION WITH TWO AMENDMENTS. AGREED TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD
(A) TO ARRANGE FOR THE REGULAR DISTRIBUTION OF HIS MONTHLY
COMMODITY PRICE BULLETIN TO ALL MEMBERS GOVERNMENTS OF
UNCTAD IN ALL WORKING LANGUAGES OF THE UN, IF POSSIBLE, AND
TO INCLUDE, IF POSSIBLE, A SPANISH TRANSLATION OF THE COMMENTARY
AT PRESENT APPEARING IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH;

(B) TO TAKE SUCH ADDITIONAL ACTION AS IS POSSIBLE WITHIN HIS EXISTING
RESOURCES TO STRENGTHEN THE WORK OF UNCTAD IN THE COLLECTION AND
DISSEMINATION, AND ANALYSIS, OF INFORMATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN COMMODITIES AND
TO SUBMIT TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES AT ITS 8TH SESSION A
REPORT ON THE ACTION HE HAS TAKEN, TOGETHER WITH ANY PROPOSALS HE MAY
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HAVE FOR ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR STRENGTHENING UNCTAD ACTIVITIES
ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED IN HIS REPORT TD/B/497. END QUOTE.

G. SECOND AND THIRD OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS: GROUP B HAS
PROPOSED FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS AND GROUP OF 77 WILL REACT
SEPTEMBER 12 ; IN SECOND OPERATIVE PARA REPLACE "URGES" WITH
"REQUESTS" AND REPLACE "FULLY" BY "TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE"; IN
THIRD OPERATIVE PARA, GROUP B HAS AGREED TO CHINESE AMENDMENT

OF REPLACING "WORLD BANK, THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND"
WITH "INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS" BUT HAS
PROPOSED AND WILL INSIST ON AN ADDITIONAL CLAUSE AT END OF
PARA "WITH THE AIM INTER ALIA OF ENSURING THAT THERE IS NO
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